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NEW LEXINGTON CHURCH, PERRY COUNTY, O.,

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August 22d, 10 o'clock A. M.—The introductory sermon was preached, according to appointment, by Elder D. G. BARKER, from Hebrews, VII—24-25.

The letters from the several Churches were called for by the former Moderator, and read, and Messengers' names enrolled, and statistics noted, as follows:

Churches and Messengers.	Ministers, and times of holding Meetings.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total No.	Contributions.
Falls of Licking, Muskingum County.—Wm. Butler, Wm Beal, Alexander Prior.	G. N. Tussing, 2d Lord's day.. Wm. Butler, 4th Lord's day.	4	....	....	....	....	3	61	4 50
Hopewell, Perry Co.—Samuel Hull, Daniel Cooper, Alexander Melick.	D. G. Barker, 1st Lord's day	1	1	....	....	....	....	24	3 80
Union, Perry Co.—Jacob Groves, Samuel Burriff.	4th Lord's day.	....	....	....	....	....	1	16	3 75
Lancaster, Fairfield Co.—George Starner, Jonas Fartig, Theodore Carpenter.	Wm. Fisher, 4th Lord's day	....	....	....	....	....	1	19	1 50
Lexington, Perry Co,—Wm. Davis, Thos. J. Strawn, G. W. Moore.	John J. Vanhorn, 4th Lord's day	3	2	1	....	....	1	41	3 50
Timber Run, Muskingum Co.—Eli Boling, John J. Vanhorn, Geo. D. Burly.	Wm. Butler, 3d Lord's day.	....	....	....	....	1	....	22	2 50
Bethel, Noble Co.—John Jordon, Robert Downey, John Gill	Ephraim Barker and John J. Vanhorn, alternately, 1st Lord's day	2	....	....	4	....	....	39	4 35
Beulah, Muskingum Co.—Stephen Francis, J. B. Rector, Sampson Redman	John Prichard, 1st Lord's day	....	....	....	....	....	1	34	2 00
Uniontown, Muskiugum Co.—L. Richards	John Croy 3d Lord's day.	....	....	....	....	....	1	12	75
York, Morgan Co.—L. Burley, Isaac Bennet, Wm. Newlon.	John J. Vanhorn, 2d Lord's day.	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	2 00
Zoar, Muskingum Co.—	John Croy, 2d Lord's day.	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	1 25
Mt. Olive, Morgan Co.—Milton Daugherty, John Croy, C. M. Matthews.	Lewis Kagy and John Croy, 1st Lord's day	1	....	....	....	....	1	16	1 10
Scotts Creek, Hocking Co.—D. G. Barker, Ezra Harsh, A. Nixon.	D. G. Barker, 2d Lord's day	1	....	....	....	....	1	72	3 70

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Goshen, Muskingum Co.—Thomas Humphrey, E. B. Garrett, John Davis	John Prichard, 2d Lord's day, Elder Ogan, 4th Lord's day	....	....	....	....	....	....	35	3 00
Pleasant Hill, Licking Co.—James Holmes, George Rector, Matthew Porter	1st Lord's day	....	....	....	....	....	1	58	4 95
Jonathan's Creek, Licking Co.—Daniel Norman, Ephraim Barker	Ephraim Barker, 4th Lord's day	3	....	....	....	....	....	48	3 00
Monday Creek, Perry Co.—Samuel Croy, Andrew Skinner	Wm. Newlon, 1st Lords day	2	2	....	....	....	....	22	1 65
St. Louisville, Licking Co.—John Prichard, Elzy Dush Abijah Pitney	John Prichard, 4th Lord's day	....	....	....	....	2	....	36	3 00
Fallsburg, Licking Co.—John Frost, William Painter	George D. Burley, 3d Lord's day	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	2 60
Friendship, at Hog Run, Licking Co.—Abner T. Jury, Simeon E. Rhoads, Alfred Bell	Benj. Lampton and John Boling, 3d Lord's day	....	....	....	....	....	2	35	3 00
Friendship, near Linville, Licking Co.—Lewis Kagy, Samuel Meredith	Lewis Kagy and Samuel Meredith, alternate, 2d Lord's day	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	85
Harmony, Licklng Co.—J. P. Taylor, Samuel Rugg, Joseph Beaver	J. P. Taylor, 1st Lord's day.	1	....	....	....	....	....	15	2 20
Enon, Guernsey County.—	Not heard from.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	80
Totals,		18	5	1	6	3	13	675	58.75

NOTE.—Saturday before the Lord's day mentioned in the above table, is the day of business of the respective Churches.

Adjourned until 1 o'clock.

2 o'clock P. M.—Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Thompson.

1. The Messengers' names were called.
2. Organized for the present session by choosing Elder William Butler, Moderator, and G. W. Moore, Clerk.
3. The Constitution and Articles of Faith were read.
4. Committees appointed as follows:

Of Arrangement—Elders John J. Vanhorn, D. G. Barker and John Prichard.

On Preaching—The Messengers of New Lexington Church.

On Funds—Brethren Matthew Porter, Wm. Beal and Thomas Humphrey.

On Visitation Meetings—Brethren Alfred Bell, Stephen Francis and Elder D. G. Burly.

5. Churches wishing to unite with this Association called for.
6. Correspondence from sister Associations called for and presented as follows:

MIAMI—Elder William Dodd and minutes.

SCIOTO—Elders Thos. Cole and G. N. Tussing, and minutes.

SANDUSKY—Elder Swarthout and minutes.

POCOTALICO—No intelligence.

OWL CREEK, HARMONY—By minutes.

7. Associations wishing to open correspondence with this Association called for.

Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows:

MIAMI—Elder John Prichard.

SCIOTO—Elder Ephraim Barker.

SANDUSKY—Elder Lewis Kagy.

POCOTALICO—By minutes.

OWL CREEK, HARMONY—Elder D. G. Barker.

9. The Circular Letter written by Elder Wm. Butler, and the Corresponding Letter written by Elder John Prichard were called for, read and referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

10. The Committee on Preaching reported Elders T. Cole, J. Prichard, G. Thompson and Wm. Dodd for to-morrow. The report was adopted.

11. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder Prichard.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23D, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder E. Barker.

1. The Messengers' names were called.

2. The Committee of Arrangements reported the minutes of 1875, omitting the 9th item, as the Order of Business. The report was adopted.

3. The Circular and Corresponding letters were adopted.

4. The Committee on Visitation Meetings report:

FALLS OF LICKING—2d Lord's day in December, Elder Prichard, and 2d Lord's day in May, Elder Dodd.

UNION—4th Lord's day in May, Elder Cole.

LANCASTER—4th Lord's day in December, Elder Cole.

LEXINGTON—4th Lord's day in May, Elders Tussing and Vanhorn.

TIMBER RUN—3d Lord's day in September, Elders D. G. Barker and Tussing.

BETHEL—5th Lord's day in June, Elder Prichard.

BEULAH—1st Lord's day in November, Elders D. G. Barker and Cole.

UNIONTOWN—5th Lord's day in March, Elder E. Barker.

YORK—4th Lord's day in October, Elder Kagy.

GOSHEN—2d Lord's day in September, Elder E. Barker.

PLEASANT HILL—5th Lord's day in December, Elder Prichard,

and 5th Lord's day in June, Elder Vanhorn.

JONATHAN'S CREEK—4th Lord's day in November, Elder Prichard.

MONDAY CREEK—1st Lord's day in June, Elders Burly and John Croy.

ST. LOUISVILLE—4th Lord's day in October, Elders Ogan and Teal.

FALLSBURG—2d Lord's day in June, Elder Prichard.

FRIENDSHIP, NEAR LINNVILLE—5th Lord's day in March, Elders Prichard and Taylor.

HARMONY, LICKING CO.—1st Lord's day in October, Elders Bolin and Meredith.

All the above meetings to commence on Saturday before the Lord's day mentioned, at 11 o'clock. The report was adopted.

5. Elder John Bolin to write the Circular letter, and Elder Wm. Newlon to write the Corresponding letter, for next year.

6. The next Association will be held with the Pleasant Hill Church, Licking County, 5 miles North of Hanover, on the P. C. & St. L., or Pan Handle R. R., to commence on Wednesday before the 4th Lord's day in August, 1878, at 10 o'clock A. M. Elder Samuel Meredith to preach the Introductory Sermon. In case of failure, Elder Vanhorn.

7. The Committee on Funds report $58.75, appropriated as follows: Minutes, $20; Clerk, $5; Correspondence, Miami, $10; Sandusky, $10; Owl Creek, Harmony, $7; Scioto, $6.75. The report was adopted.

8. The Committee on Preaching reported Elders E. Barker, Thompson and Dodd for to-morrow. The report was adopted.

The following vote of thanks was presented and adopted:

We, the members of the Muskingum Baptist Association, hereby return our sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Carroll, for the use of their grove, and their kindness in helping to prepare the same for this Association; and also to the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of New Lexington, for the use of their house.

10. Adjourned to time and place above written.

Prayer by Elder J. P. Taylor. Benediction by Moderator.

WM. BUTLER, Moderator.

G. W. MOORE, Clerk.

The session just closed has been a meeting of harmony and pleasure. The congregation was orderly and attentive. The preaching was of the ablest. The members of the New Lexington Church all seem concordant in the view of making their guests comfortable.

CLERK.

Circular Letter.

The Muskingum Baptist Association to the several Churches composing her body, sendeth Christian salutation:

VERY DEAR BRETHREN:

Time, ever revolving, has brought us through another year; and, as an Association, through the abounding mercy and goodness of our God, we are permitted to meet and join socially in the service of our King. But we are not all here. Some that have been wont to meet with us will associate with us no more on earth. They are gone to the great Association above, where congregations ne'er break up and Sabbaths never end.

With the return of our privilege of meeting comes our duty to address you on some subject pertaining to the welfare of Zion. Your attention is invited to the important subject of the resurrection of the body as set forth in the Scriptures.

The doctrine of the resurrection of the dead has been denied from the beginning of the Christian era. In the days of Christ and the Apostles there was a sect called Sadusees that opposed this doctrine and those that preached it. (See Matt. XXII, 23; Mark XII, 18; Luke XX, 27; Acts XXII, 8.) And others, by their false theories, virtually denied it; (see 2 Tim. II, 18;) and a more modern theory is that God gives a new body that has no connection with the body that dies. But, rejecting all these theories as false, let us endeavor to examine this great and glorious doctrine, as set forth in the word of God, and may the Lord aid and direct us in our investigation.

Job says, Yet in my flesh shall I see God, whom I shall see for myself and not another. (Job XIX, 26.) Paul lays down the resurrection as the foundation of the Christian hope, and couples the resurrection of Christ with that of his people; so that if one be not true the other is not true. If the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised; and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Ye are yet in your sins. No hope of life or immortality. But here the Apostle changes the subject from the negative to the affirmative, and most emphatically says, But now is Christ risen from the dead, &c. In Christ are all made alive. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. Still keeping up the connection between Christ and his children, and showing most clearly that his resurrection is a guarantee of theirs.

The Apostle Paul, in all his epistles, and in all his defences before his accusers, kept this doctrine of the resurrection in front, as if to say, Here is my refuge, my tower, my all. When summing up the whole matter, it is all embraced in this, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings,

being made conformable to His death. (Compare 1st Cor. XV—12–19, with 2d Thess. IV—14, and Phil. III—10.) This is a good hope through grace that these vile bodies shall be fashioned like unto the glorious body of Jesus, free from sin, free from sorrow, free from death. In Regenration the spirit of the mind is renewed and conformed to the spirit of Christ; so in the Resurrection the body is conformed to Jesus Christ, and capable of enjoying his presence and love forever.

But some will say, "How are the dead raised up, and with what body do they come?" The Apostle anticipates this question, and answers it. He says: "That which thou sowest is not quickened except it die." We cannot apply the term "resurrection" to anything that never died. Christ died, was buried, and rose from the dead. In like manner his children die and are raised up from death. The same that dies is raised up. How do they come? Not just as they were before. Though it is the same body, it uudergoes a great change in the resurrection. "It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body." The first man was of the earth, earthy, and his children are like him—earthy, mortal, natural, dying worms of earth. The second is the Lord from Heaven above. Death (in the resurrection) has no more dominion over him; and his children are made like him in the resurrection—glorious, holy, spiritual, undying, ever-living citizens of Zion. The same person that bears the image of the first man, not only in form and outer appearance, but also in character and condition in relation to death, bears the image of the second man in all his character and condition in relation to an endless life (1st Cor. xv—20–50).

These are a few of the many points and proofs recorded in the Scriptures on this great and glorious subject, which might be pursued much further with profit; but the limits of a Circular Letter do not permit. Now we beseech you, Brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. Farewell.

Corresponding Letter.

The Muskingum Baptist Association to the several Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth Christian salutation:

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD:

Through the abounding mercy of our Heavenly Father we are once more permitted to meet in an Associate capacity, to worship that God who knoweth the secrets of all hearts, and worketh all things after the counsel of His own will, and who will reign until he hath put all enemies under his feet. We wish a continuance of your friendly correspondence. May the Great God cause us to live in humble obedience to His holy law, to be faithful to Him and to one another. Our minutes will inform you of the time and place of our next Association. Finally, Brethren, Farewell.